

Amendment to and listing of Claims:

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 13, wherein the regression model is a locally weighted regression model.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 13, wherein the sample comprises polyolefin particles.

6. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 13, wherein the step of acquiring a Raman spectrum comprises [(i)] irradiating the sample of polyolefin and collecting scattered radiation as the polymer is produced during a sampling interval using a sampling probe, and (ii) ~~purging polymer from said Raman probe during a purging interval.~~

7-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A process for determining polymer properties in a fluidized-bed reactor system, the process comprising:

- (a) obtaining a locally weighted regression model for determining a polymer property selected from density, melt flow rate, molecular weight, molecular weight distribution, and functions thereof, the locally weighted regression model including principal component loadings and principal component scores;
- (b) ~~acquiring from a Raman probe inserted into a gas-solid fluidized bed polymerization reactor~~ a Raman spectrum of ~~an in situ sample comprising~~

~~polyolefin~~ sample polymer particles suspended in gas and passing a stationary Raman probe;

(c) calculating a new principal component score from at least a portion of the Raman spectrum and the principal component loadings; and

(d) calculating the polymer property by applying the new principal component score to the locally weighted regression model.

14. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 13, wherein the step of obtaining a regression model comprises:

(i) obtaining a plurality of Raman spectra of samples comprising polyolefins without identifying, selecting or resolving particular spectral features;

(ii) calculating principal component loadings and principal component scores from the spectra obtained in (i) using principal component analysis (PCA); and

(iii) forming the regression model using the principal component scores calculated in (ii) such that the regression model correlates the polymer property to the principal component scores.

15. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 13, wherein the step of acquiring a Raman spectrum comprises [[:]]

~~(i) providing the sample of polyolefin particles; and~~

~~(ii) irradiating the sample~~ with visible or near infrared radiation and collecting scattered radiation during a sampling interval using ~~a sampling~~ an imaging probe

[[,]]

~~wherein there is relative motion between the sample and the sampling probe during at least a portion of the sampling interval.~~

16. (Original) The process of claim 13, further comprising:

(i) obtaining a second regression model for determining a second polymer property, the second regression model including second principal component loadings and second principal component scores;

- (ii) calculating a new second principal component score from at least a portion of the Raman spectrum and the second principal component loadings; and
- (iii) calculating the second polymer property by applying the new second principal component score to the second regression model.

17. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 13, wherein the Raman probe is inserted *in situ* into said fluidized bed polymerization reactor system in a location where granular polymer is moving.

18. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 13, wherein the Raman probe is inserted *in situ* into at least one of the locations within said fluidized bed polymerization reactor system selected from the group consisting of the cycle gas piping, the product discharge system downstream of the exiting point of product, the transfer line between the product discharge system and the purger(s)/degasser(s), one or more of the purger(s)/degasser(s), the transfer line to finishing/pack-out, and the feed bins to the extruder/mixer.

19. (Original) The process of claim 13, wherein the Raman probe is inserted *in situ* into the reactor body.

20. (Original) The process of claim 13, further comprising a step of purging polymer from said Raman probe.

21-22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 30, wherein the regression model is a locally weighted regression model.

24. (Canceled).

25. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 30, wherein the sample comprises polyolefin particles.

26. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 30, wherein the step of acquiring a Raman spectrum comprises[[: (i)]] irradiating the sample ~~of polyolefin~~ and collecting scattered radiation as the polymer is produced ~~during a sampling interval using a sampling probe,~~ and (ii) ~~purging polymer from said Raman probe during a purging interval.~~

27-29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) A process for controlling polymer properties in a fluidized bed reactor system, the process comprising:

- (a) obtaining a locally weighted regression model for determining a polymer property selected from density, melt flow rate, molecular weight, molecular weight distribution, and functions thereof, the locally weighted regression model including principal component loadings and principal component scores;
- (b) ~~acquiring from a Raman probe inserted into a gas solid fluidized bed polymerization reactor~~ a Raman spectrum of ~~an *in situ* sample comprising polyolefin~~ sample polymer particles suspended in gas and passing a stationary Raman probe;
- (c) calculating a new principal component score from at least a portion of the Raman spectrum and the principal component loadings;
- (d) calculating the polymer property by applying the new principal component score to the locally weighted regression model; and
- (e) adjusting at least one polymerization parameter based on the calculated polymer property.

31. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 30, wherein the step of obtaining a regression model comprises:

- (i) obtaining a plurality of Raman spectra of samples comprising polyolefins without identifying, selecting or resolving particular spectral features;

- (ii) calculating principal component loadings and principal component scores from the spectra obtained in (i) using principal component analysis (PCA); and
- (iii) forming the regression model using the principal component scores calculated in (ii) such that the regression model correlates the polymer property to the principal component scores.

32. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 30, wherein the step of acquiring a Raman spectrum comprises[[:]]

- ~~(i) providing the sample of polyolefin particles; and~~
 - ~~(ii) irradiating the sample with visible or near infrared radiation and collecting scattered radiation during a sampling interval using a sampling an imaging probe~~
- ~~[[,]]~~

~~wherein there is relative motion between the sample and the sampling probe during at least a portion of the sampling interval.~~

33. (Original) The process of claim 30, wherein the at least one polymerization parameter is selected from the group consisting of monomer feed rate, comonomer feed rate, catalyst feed rate, hydrogen gas feed rate, and reaction temperature.

34. (Original) The process of claim 30, further comprising:

- (i) obtaining a second regression model for determining a second polymer property, the second regression model including second principal component loadings and second principal component scores;
- (ii) calculating a new second principal component score from at least a portion of the Raman spectrum and the second principal component loadings; and
- (iii) calculating the second polymer property by applying the new second principal component score to the second regression model,

and wherein the step of adjusting comprises adjusting at least one polymerization parameter based on the calculated polymer property, the calculated second polymer property, or both calculated polymer properties.

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